



## Office of the Governor

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER  
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR**PROCLAMATION**

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**Governor Schwarzenegger Declares State of Emergency in Seven Counties Affected by Storms****PROCLAMATION**

by the

Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS a series of severe rainstorms that commenced on December 19, 2005, brought unusual heavy rains that caused flooding, mudslides, the accumulation of debris, washed out and damaged roads, and the loss of human life to Northern and Central California counties; and

WHEREAS I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, found that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property existed in 34 counties as a result of the series of severe rainstorms that commenced on December 19, 2005, and issued State of Emergency Proclamations on January 2, 3 and 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS severe weather conditions during the past two flood seasons have brought unusually heavy rains, which combined with the already poor conditions of many levees, creates conditions of imminent peril to those living near the levees, to the environment, businesses, and the critical life support systems, such as drinking water; and

WHEREAS on February 24, 2006, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, proclaimed a State of Emergency for California's levee system based on a finding that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the State's levee system; and

WHEREAS severe weather conditions have brought unusually heavy rainfall commencing on March 29, 2006, and continuing that caused flooding, mudslides, the accumulation of debris, washed out and damaged roads, and the failure of local levees primarily to Northern and Central California counties.

I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Merced, San Joaquin, San Mateo and Stanislaus resulting from severe weather conditions, heavy rainfall, and floodwaters commencing on March 29, 2006, and continuing. These storms have caused the failure of local levees, evacuations of residents, and significant damage to public and private property throughout the affected area. Because the magnitude of this disaster exceeds the capabilities of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of these counties, I find these counties to be in a state of emergency, and under the authority of the California Emergency Services Act, set forth at Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 of the California Government Code, commencing with section 8550, I hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in these counties.

Pursuant to this proclamation, I hereby direct all agencies of the state government to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all necessary activities to alleviate this emergency as directed by my Office of Emergency Services and in accordance with the State Emergency Plan.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this the tenth day of April 2006.

/s/ Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor of California